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Poems by Morrison Head.

SEAS AND BEARS. POEMS OF THE LIFE BY MORRISON HEAD. H. C. TURNBULL, THE PUBLISHER, BALTIMORE.

We are indebted to the author for a copy of the work. We have marked some passages for publication which will show the poetic spirit possessed by this blind bard of Kentucky. At present we present some facts concerning Mr. Head presented by his publisher.

Mr. MORRISON HEAD, was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, and is now nearly forty years of age. When about sixteen years old he suffered an injury to one of his eyes, which resulted in total loss of sight in both, and this calamity was soon aggravated by loss of hearing. By the aid of a trumpet he can yet distinguish some familiar voices, but even this slight communication with the external world is rapidly failing him.

Though prevented by this double deprivation from repairing by study the defects of a very imperfect school education, he has been able to acquire large and varied information by intercourse with intelligent persons, while such intercourse was still possible, and by the exercise of vigorous powers of reflection. No one knowing the facts, and reading the vivid and picturesque lists of description in his writings, can fail to be struck with the keenness of his perceptive faculties, or to be moved by what he poetically calls "the double night" of darkness and silence.

For the purpose of communication with others he has invented and constructed with his own hands a writing machine, by the aid of which he expresses himself with considerable facility.

Some of Mr. Head's poems have appeared in the *Louisville Journal*, whose readers will know as "the blind bard of Kentucky," others in the *Episcopal Methodist* and the *New Eclectic Magazine*, of Baltimore, and were warmly praised by competent critics, some of whom had no knowledge of the fact that they were the production of a blind man. The best of these poems are included in the present volume, the far greater part of which, however, has never before been published.

Besides his poems, Mr. Head has written a juvenile *History of Washington*, and has ready for the press a *Life of Columbus*, "with higher pretensions." He is also engaged upon other works.

The book is put up in excellent style, and is very creditable to the publisher, who is no amateur striving to build up a first-class Southern publishing house. He deserves success.

Politics Situation in Tennessee

The Mayor of Ga. T. G. Thompson says: "The food prospects in Georgia were never darker even during the war, than they are now. It left to her own resources, half the population of Georgia would probably starve before another crop is produced. More than enough food will be sent from abroad, and come from a land of plenty, and scarce supplies. Already orange and corn are so scarce in the West, that stock is sacrificed to prevent wintering, and when we come to buy food in these regions and bring it here we shall suffer in the packets."

EXCESSIVE LOOTING. The "bold" Governor of Iowa threatens to wash his hands of the capital removal question if Southerners are to have anything to do with it. Says an exchange:

Gen. Merrill, of Iowa, having heard that John C. Breckinridge and other prominent Southerners who were engaged some four years in attempts to remove the capital from Washington, have been invited to attend the St. Louis Convention, has written to the committee, desiring explicit information upon this point before he leaves. The opposition to him has not wanted the capital removed by such a law.

STIRRING NEWS FROM EUROPE. The news from Europe is stirring. Private letters by the steamship to New York last Monday, as well as dispatched in barrels, are in stating that the situation in western Europe is really alarming. It is apprehended that a real republican conspiracy exists which has its ramifications in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, and even Russia. It will be remembered that last year Garibaldi left the Peace Congress at Geneva to conquer Rome from the Pope. He has succeeded the revolt of the reds who have broken out, then, but failed at Mentana, and now, following the Peace Congress at Lusanne, comes news by cable of a republican uprising in Spain and riots in and around Paris. The most ominous sign in the last case is the refusal of the military to use the Chassepot upon the people. There are rumors of troubles in Italy, and fears of a labor revolt in Germany, due to the Government's refusal to permit the formation of trade unions.

A proposition to subscribe \$500,000 in aid of the projected Louisville, New Albany and St. Louis Air-line Railroad was voted by the people of Louisville Saturday evening. The ELECTIONS. The Radicals have re-elected Geary, Governor of

THE COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE. Louisville has been filled up with a large assemblage of gentlemen of mark and distinction from every State in the Union, attending the sessions of the great Commercial Convention that convened last Tuesday. So far as members are concerned, the Convention was certainly a grand success. Whether it will accomplish any good remains to be seen.

Mr. Stearns delivered the opening address, extending to the delegates a hearty welcome to the soil of our good old State and the hospitality of our great commercial metropolis.

Hon. Millard Fillmore was chosen unanimously the presiding officer of the Convention, and accepting the honor in a brief speech.

The time of the Convention was exhausted on Tuesday in discussing points of order, and an adjournment to A. M. on Wednesday was had, before the Convention completed its organization.

At the Wednesday, the Convention was permanently organized by the appointment of Vice Presidents, Secretaries and standing committees, and the adoption of proper regulations. A large number of resolutions touching upon direct trade with Europe, the Southern Pacific railroad, the tobacco tax and other tariffs, the gambling in gold, and the removal of the national capital were passed, it is found in the persistence with which many of them adhere to the system of broadsheet sowing when so much evidence is at hand as to the superiority of drilling. Experience in this country and England in recent years has demonstrated satisfactorily that grain put in with a drill gives a much better return than when sown broadcast.

The Arkansas Liberal Republican State Convention adjourned on Thursday night. There was a large attendance and perfect harmony. A most liberal and conservative platform was adopted, inducing universal suffrage, general reform, and the present State Government. The action to be referred to the people for endorsement.

(For The Shelby Sentinel.)

Mr. Editor: It gives us pleasure, on behalf of those interested in getting up the Council of Friday evening last, through your paper to thank the lady and gentlemen who gave us so much trouble to do with the late gold movement in New York. However singular it may seem that a President should select such a vehicle to make such a denial, the letter has unmistakable grammatical evidence of being genuine.

Gen. Grant has written a letter to his friend Bonner, the owner of the *Advertiser*, denying that he had any thing to do with the late gold movement in New York. However singular it may seem that a President should select such a vehicle to make such a denial, the letter has unmistakable grammatical evidence of being genuine.

The merits of Mrs. Powers and Prof. Mairi are so well known, that comment is unnecessary, Prof. McQuown from the house of D. P. Faulds of Louisville played their parts with ability. Mr. McQ. in his piece upon the *Violin Solo*, commanded such attention as we had never noticed in any audience before. It may well be stated that this concert was an enterprise of the young people of the Mulberry congregation who will devote the proceeds to the purchase of an organ for their church, and that by their invitation the musicians rendered their services toward this object.

AUDITOR.

On last Friday, both Houses of the Virginia Legislature ratified the 14th and 15th Amendments, and then adjourned until the 18th.

The ratification of this negro suffrage amendment on the part of Virginia was compulsory. Or at least if she did not ratify, she would have no representation in Congress, and hence would not be fully represented in the Union. Perhaps it would have been better for this gallant old State to have remained until awhile longer, rather than come in" after this sort of style.

Import Decision.

Shackled, Asphyxiated, & Suffocated.

COLLIER, having been adjudged a bankrupt in 1863, his estate was assigned by the Register to Shackled, who, as such assignee, brought suit to recover, and subject to the payment of the bankrupt's debts about 262 acres of land in Shelby county, and some personalty claimed by Collier's wife as her separate estate. The evidence shows that Collier and his two brothers, who were partners in farming and stock raising, assigned their property in 1862 to Middleton for the benefit of their creditors, the property embracing about 700 acres of land. The personalty was sold, a portion being purchased by persons for the use and benefit of Mrs. Collier, and the land was rented for the years 1862-3, a portion being rented by persons for her use and benefit. In 1863 the land was sold, when Mrs. Collier became the ostensible purchaser of 200 acres for \$13,000, payable in three equal installments, but no deed was ever executed by the assignee, although it was agreed that a deed should be made vesting the title in her to her sole and separate use. From 1862 to the institution of this suit J. F. Collier superintended the farming business, conducted in the name of Mrs. Collier, with great success, and mainly from the proceeds the price of the land was paid except gifts made to her by her father, Tribble, and by Harrison. For the payment of the purchase price of the property Mrs. Collier also contracted a debt of \$6,000.

The court below adjudged that the property was the separate estate of Mrs. Collier, and a decree was made for the payment of the debt of \$6,000.

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Commissioner's Sale!

J. B. DODD'S WIDOW, Mrs. J. B. DODD, On Petition for sale of Land, 3 C. Court.

By virtue of an order of sale, in this action, the Shelby Circuit Court, the undersigned, as Special Commissioner, will sell at public auction, on the 1st day of NOVEMBER, 1869, being County seat, at 10 o'clock a.m., to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Shelbyville, Ky., Jack Sewell, in and to a tract of Land, situated on the waters of Clear-Creek, in Shelby county, about 7 miles north east of Shelbyville, containing about

174 ACRES, And the interest of said infant therein, being about \$2,000 per acre.

TERMS.—The first half of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st Monday in March, 1870, and the residue on the fourth Monday in Sept., 1870, with interest at 12 per cent. per annum, to be paid on the day of sale. The payment will be required to give bond, with approved security, the same to have the force and effect of a Reconvene Bond, and a leg of the estate to be retained on the land, for the payment of monies due.

WILSON THOMAS, Special Commissioner.

At same time and place, and on same terms

as above, a sale will be made of the property of Mrs. Collier, for the payment of her debts.

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Louisville, and he is a man of great worth, equal to the task of saving the city from the grip of the Southern Confederacy. He is a man of great energy and ability, and will be a valuable addition to the State Government.

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